

ings upon us so that we can bring all necessary institutions into successful operation. I entertain no doubt upon this point whatever.

The reader will observe that there is no difference of aim and purpose between the editor and the writer, but simply a difference of opinion as to which might be its "shortest cut" to the successful consummation of that which we are all aiming at.

While I have promised the Lord to exert every possible effort to commit the Brethren Church to the evangelization of the heathen world, I have no desire to see it done with ill-advised haste, nor improper methods. Men should pay their church paper, church dues, their grocery bills, coal bills, tailor bills, etc., before they go to contributing to either home or foreign missions. The Lord does not want stolen money to support his cause. He appreciates sacrifices. There is no sacrifice in giving away other people's money. Let us obviate all excesses in dress and living then there will be enough and some to spare for the work of the Lord.

Foreign mission work would be a direct pecuniary advantage to our Publishing House. If we had a dozen or even a half wide awake missionaries in foreign lands contributing regularly to the columns of the EVANGELIST there would be no difficulty in getting the coveted three thousand subscribers, and even more. I believe it would pay better to send out a correspondent to foreign fields only as a newspaper enterprise than to put a dozen canvasses in the field to solicit for the paper as it now is. People want fresh and striking news, something above the common place of our every day life, and we must go away from home to get it. "Distance lends enchantment to the view," that is an old but true saying.

COLLEGE TALK.

M. C. MEYERS.

I am pleased to learn through the EVANGELIST that the churches are receiving kindly the solicitors sent out by the finance committee of Ashland University, according to the instructions of the National Conference and are raising the amount of their apportionment.

It seems to me that those congregations who have been delinquent should so arrange the matter that they will be ready to remit to the solicitor when he comes. These amounts should have been paid before April 1, 1896, and because they were not the school has been closed by the trustees until the finance committee could send out solicitors and collect from the delinquent churches. Thus a minority of

the churches have been hindering the work of the trustees because if they had responded to the call at the proper time, the school would be in session to day. Unless the local churches carry out the plans adopted, the resolutions passed and the systems inaugurated by the General Conference, it is useless to have such a meeting.

The General Conference which is composed of delegates or representatives from all over the brotherhood endeavors to devise the best systems for promoting the highest and best interests of the entire brotherhood.

Then if the churches will accept the plans and unite their efforts, we become a power in God's hands for good. The amount required from each local church to meet the indebtedness of our school is small and can be raised if the proper effort is made.

God loveth a cheerful giver and he has asked through his church that each congregation pay a certain amount to liquidate the indebtedness upon our institution of learning.

The following is taken from the Lutheran of Oct. 1. "The fifteenth anniversary of Rev. Chas. Fry's Ministry in Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa., was commemorated on the first Sunday in September. In the sermon on that occasion mention was made of the fact that 858 persons had been received into membership during those fifteen years, an average of nearly 60 per year."

But the statement that was especially remarkable and that deserves to be recorded was that about \$150,000 had been contributed by that congregation in that period of time for Christian beneficence, an average of 10,000 a year. This illustrates what can and is being done by other denominations and some of our sister congregations.

The amount asked from the entire brotherhood is only what this one congregation has been paying each year and some seem to think it more than they have the ability to pay.

At least one-tenth of our income is the Lord's and not until we have paid the Lord his own can we contribute cheerfully of our means to carry on his work in the world.

We need not fear that we will give too much but there is great danger of our hindering the work of God by withholding that which it is our duty to give.

The trustees have decided to open the school January 1st if the debt is paid. And the time is short. We should now be making necessary arrangements.

There are young men and women too who are waiting to enter the school, and

unless the doors are opened soon they will go elsewhere. I look forward with bright anticipation to the time when we can say the debt is paid.

Then the trustees can employ someone who has the ability, qualifications and experience to take charge of the school and conduct it properly and run it within its means and I believe within a few years we will have a first class school.

Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

The Sunday School.

PERSONAL PREPARATION OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKER.

W. D. FURRY.

"Thou that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?"

The need of preparation by those to whom is entrusted the work of superintending and teaching in the Sunday-school, is very apparent; and that this need is greater to-day, is equally apparent to all who are abreast of the times.

There is a general law, and which is as applicable to the Sunday-school as to any form of activity, that to secure good work, preparation and training are needed. Inadequate preparation insures incompetent workmanship; and incompetent workmanship, inevitably foredooms failure.

The great sin of to-day is haste. We are living in a fast age. We do all things in a hurry. We now crowd into a day what once would have taken a century to accomplish.

We have no more of the long periods of apprenticeship and training. We fear that many, like Absalom, never know of such period.

Haste is the parent of all that is superficial. This spirit has also entered the realm of the Sunday-schools, and the results are obvious. Here, as elsewhere, the character of the work to be done should determine the preparation needed by those to whom the work will be entrusted.

And is there a greater, more dignified work than the work of the Sunday school? Is there a nobler work than that of training a soul for heaven? Is there a more responsible work than to have placed beneath one's care the development of the spiritual nature of a child? See Matthew 18: 6. (Rev.)

This preparation should be two fold: (1.) General preparation, which relates to the life and character of the teacher. Teaching is life-giving. Consciously or unconsciously the life of the teacher is flowing from the teacher into the child taught. That life, however, can be no